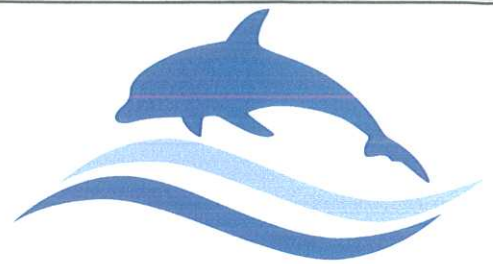


# The Dolphin Digest

## Ocean Breeze Elementary

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January/February 2020



Ocean Breeze Elementary School  
Our Quest; Personal Best

Dear OBE Families,

It's hard to believe it's already mid-January, and we're half way through the school year. As we embark on the second semester, we'll honor Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, distribute report cards, and hold our second round of parent teacher conferences.

As you may know, cases of influenza have been on the rise throughout the nation. According to the Florida Department of Health (DOH), flu activity levels are higher than the past two flu seasons. The school guideline follows DOH recommendation in asking that ill children stay home until they have been fever free for 24 hours without medication. Our custodial staff and teachers are doing their best to clean and sanitize classroom spaces, and we have students using good hand washing practices (see next column) to slow the spread of winter illness.

Report cards will be distributed on Friday, January 17th. Students who have more than 9 absences for this school year, will also receive an attendance information letter which charts comparative attendance data. Regular school attendance is critical to student academic success. Please be advised of the following BPS attendance guidelines:

*"A student who is absent more than nine (9) days (unexcused) within a semester or more than four (4) days within a 9-week period for schools on a block schedule will not receive a passing grade for the semester.*

*A student is considered to be present at school if away from school on a school day and engaged in an educational activity that constitutes a school approved instructional program or activity.*

*Kindergarten students must be in attendance for a minimum of 162 days, as a criteria for progression to first grade. The Principal may, in consultation with the teacher, deny promotion based on this criteria.*

*All students must be in attendance a minimum of four (4) hours of instructional time to be considered present each day.*

*Absences **not** counted in the 9 days/4 days attendance policy are as follows: 1. Court Dates, 2. Religious holidays, 3. Illness with medical documentation and/or, 4. Chronic and extended illness."*

Sincerely,

 , Principal

 **February 17, 2020 is a regular school day!**  
**Hurricane Dorian makeup day.**

**Monday, January 20, 2020**  
**Martin Luther King Day,**  
**is a school holiday!**



### Parent and Teacher Conference Night

Please contact your child's teacher to schedule an appointment for our Parent and Teacher Conference Night which will be held on **January 23** from **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** This evening is set aside so parents have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with teachers.

### Preventing Winter Illness

*Here are some basic guidelines from the CDC for helping prevent the spread of illness :*

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. Washing hands correctly is the most important thing you can do to stay healthy.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact, such as kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or utensils, with people who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or shirt sleeve, not your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.



### Reserve Your Yearbook and Greeting Ad Spot

Order your yearbook now! The cost is \$25. Greeting Ads are also available for an additional \$10. Reserve your greeting ad before space fills up! Ads must be purchased and designed online by January 20, 2020! To order online and to create a personal greeting, go to:

<https://commpe.pictavo.com/> (School# 88443).

Order forms are also available in the office.

*Only pre-sold yearbooks will be ordered!*

### Santa's Workshop and Lid/Cap Collection Update

Through your support of SANTA'S WORKSHOP, we were able to raise over \$3300 for St. Baldrick's Foundation! Thank you for fighting childhood cancer...kids should not have cancer!

Please keep saving CAPS AND LIDS! We have collected about 250 pounds...half way!! Keep up the good work!

Thank you all for your support of these endeavors!

## January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				2	3	4
5				9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Early Release Day PTO Mtg @ 9:45am Report Cards Post- ed on FOCUS/ Issued	18
19	20 Martin L. King, Jr./ Holiday for All	21	22	23 Parent /Teacher Conference Night 5:00-7:00 pm	24 Early Release Day	25
26	27 Literacy Week-Book Your Trip to Reading	28	29	30 Class Group Picture Day	31 Early Release Day Club Picture Day	

## February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Book Fair all week	4	5 SAC 2:45 pm	6 Story Slumber Night 5:30-7:00 pm	7 Early Release Day	8
9	10 Third Interim Ends	11 Try Radish at lunch	12	13	14 PTO Mtg 9:45 am  Early Release Day  BPS Parent Lead- ership-ESF 10:00- 12:00	15
16	17 Hurricane Make-Up Day! <b>Regular School Day</b>	18 Elementary Interims Posted Science Fair (eat in classroom)	19 Science Fair (eat in classroom)	20 Science Fair Awards  Festival Rehearsal	21 Early Release Day	22
23 <b>SPIRIT WEEK!!</b>	24 Fox in Socks Day (Silly Socks)	25 Oh the Places I've Been! (shirt from some- where)	26 Wacky Wednesday!	27 Jog A Thon (Spirit Day TBD)	28 Early Release Day Kids in the Hat Day!  PTO Family Dance 5:00-6:30 pm	29 South Brevard Music Festival